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## **April Highlights**

Summarized below are highlights from the major data categories presented. Remaining data presented in this report are within the ranges historically measured for their respective parameters and locations.

**Airborne Effluent Calculations** - The April data for 10 plutonium locations are missing because Quality Assurance Criteria were not satisfied. The samples are being rerun. The April data for 29 americium locations were completed early and are reported in Table 1. The reported results for plutonium locations are within the ranges typically measured for airborne effluent calculations.

**Uranium Airborne Effluent Concentrations** - The April uranium airborne effluent data is missing results from nine locations because Quality Assurance Criteria were not satisfied. The samples are being rerun and results will be reported when they become available. The remaining uranium airborne effluent results reported in Table 2 are within the ranges typically measured for uranium airborne effluent calculations.

**Beryllium Effluent Concentrations** - April Beryllium data is not reported because of incomplete laboratory analysis. The data will be reported when it becomes available. Beryllium data for February and March are complete and reported in Table 3 of this report. Results are within historically expected ranges.

**Plutonium Concentrations in Ambient Air** - A computer failure prevented the transfer of raw analytical data for plutonium concentrations in ambient air for onsite samplers, perimeter samplers, and community samplers. Laboratory analysis of the samples has been completed and is expected to be reported in the next monthly report. The computer failure also prevented the transfer of errata for ambient air. Errata for ambient air will be presented in individual errata tables in a later report.

**Onsite Water Sample Results** - Tables 7, 8, and 9 provide results of onsite water sampling. All results of plutonium analyses are completed and reported. Ponds A-3, A-4, and C-2 were discharged during April. Some laboratory analyses for americium and uranium are incomplete and will be reported when they become available.

**NPDES Sampling** - All NPDES samples for April 1993 were submitted and analyzed by the Analytical Laboratories. There were no NPDES exceedances reported during the month and results were within expected ranges.

# 1. Introduction

The Rocky Flats Plant (RFP) has been part of a nationwide Department of Energy (DOE) complex for the research, development, and production of nuclear weapons. The plant was responsible for fabricating nuclear weapons components from plutonium, uranium, beryllium, and stainless steel. The primary production activities included metal fabrication and assembly, chemical recovery and purification of process-produced transuranic radionuclides, and related quality control functions.

This mission changed with the announcement in early 1992 that certain planned weapons systems had been canceled. RFP no longer produces weapons components, and is now in a transition phase into decontamination and disposition (D&D). Primary objectives of this new mission include achieving and maintaining compliance with environmental regulatory requirements, as well as effecting proper D&D steps that are under development.

Because radioactive and chemically hazardous materials may be used or handled at RFP during transition, the plant maintains an extensive environmental protection program. Included in that program is regular monitoring for radioactive and hazardous constituents at onsite, plant boundary, and offsite locations.

This Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report summarizes the effluent and environmental monitoring programs at the RFP for April 1993. Data presented herein reflect the best information available to the RFP at this time. If subsequent analyses indicate that any data presented herein are inaccurate or misleading, revisions will be issued promptly.

The Highlights section summarizes the major data categories presented. Remaining data presented in this report are within the ranges historically measured for their respective parameters and locations.

Radiation standards for protection of the public are discussed in Appendix A of this report. The primary standards are based on calculations of radiation dose. These calculations are performed annually using monitoring data presented in the Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report. Radiation doses to the public from RFP operations are typically well below any regulatory limit and far less than are received from naturally occurring radiation sources in the Denver metropolitan area.

Appendix B lists the Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) for which monitoring is required under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement (NPDES/FFCA). Appendix C describes Colorado Water Quality Control Commission standards for the Walnut Creek and Woman Creek drainages downstream of RFP.

Error terms in the form of " $a \pm b$ " are included with some of the data. For a single sample, " $a$ " is the analytical-blank corrected value; for multiple samples it represents the arithmetic mean, the volume-weighted mean, or the annual total, as indicated in the table. The error term " $b$ " accounts for the propagated statistical counting uncertainty of the sample(s) and the associated analytical blanks at the 95 percent confidence level. These error terms represent a minimum estimate of error for the data.

Plutonium, uranium, americium, tritium, and beryllium measured concentrations are given in this report. Most of the measured concentrations are at or very near background levels, and often there is little or no amount of these materials in the media analyzed. When this occurs, the results of the laboratory analyses can be expected to show a statistical distribution of positive and negative numbers near zero and numbers that are less than the calculated minimum detectable concentration for the analyses. The laboratory analytical blanks, used to correct for background contributions to the measurements, show a similar statistical distribution around their average values. Negative sample values result when the measured value for a laboratory analytical blank is subtracted from a sample analytical result smaller than the analytical blank value. Results that are less than calculated minimum detectable levels indicate that the results are below the level of statistical confidence in the actual numerical values. All reported results, including negative values and values that are less than minimum detectable levels, are included in any arithmetic calculations on the data set. Reporting all values allows all of the data to be evaluated using appropriate statistical treatment. This assists in identifying any bias in the analyses, allows better evaluation of distributions and trends in environmental data, and helps in estimating the true sensitivity of the measurement process.

The reader should use caution in interpreting individual values that are negative or less than minimum detectable levels. A negative value has no physical significance. Values less than minimum detectable levels lack statistical confidence as to what the actual number is, although it is known with high confidence that it is below the specified

detection level. Such values should not be interpreted as being the actual amount of material in the sample, but should be seen as reflecting a range (from zero to the minimum detectable level) in which the actual amount would likely lie. These values are significant, however, when taken together with other analytical results that indicate that the distribution is near zero.

The data in this report are provided as a matter of courtesy and should not be construed as an application for a permit or license, or in support of such an application. Approval of the DOE should be obtained before publication of any data contained in this report.

Abbreviations used within this report are as defined.

## Abbreviations

BOD <sub>5</sub>	Biochemical Oxygen Demand, 5' day test
C Average	Average concentration
CBOD <sub>5</sub>	Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand, 5 day test
C Maximum	Maximum concentration
C Minimum	Minimum concentration
EFF	Efficiency
LC <sub>50</sub>	Lethal concentration to 50 percent of the organisms
m <sup>3</sup>	Cubic meter
m/s	Meters per second
mCi	Millicurie
mg/l	Milligrams per liter
mrem	Millirem
pCi/l	Picocuries per liter
pCi/m <sup>3</sup>	Picocuries per cubic meter
pH	Hydrogen ion concentration
SU	Standard Unit
µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Micrograms per cubic meter
#/100 ml	Number per 100 milliliter
µCi	Microcurie
µg/l	Micrograms per liter





## **2. Air**

### **2.1 Airborne Effluent**

RFP continuously monitors radionuclide air emissions at 53 locations in 17 buildings. The requirements outlined in the General Environmental Protection Programs (DOE Order 5400.1) and the National Emission Standards for Emissions of Radionuclides Other Than Radon From DOE Facilities (40 CFR 61, Subpart H), mandate the continuous monitoring of air emissions at all release points with the potential of discharging radionuclides into the air in quantities that could result in an effective dose equivalent (EDE) greater than 0.1 millirem per year.

The radiological particulate monitoring and sampling program uses a three-tier approach comprising Selective Alpha Air Monitors (SAAMs), total long-lived alpha screening of routine air duct emission sample filters, and radiochemical analysis of isotopes collected from air duct emission samples. This approach balances both sensitivity and timeliness of desired results. Figure 1 shows a typical radiological emission sampler configuration within an exhaust duct at the RFP.

For immediate detection of abnormal conditions, RFP building ventilation systems that service areas containing plutonium are equipped with SAAMs. SAAMs are sensitive to specific alpha particle energies and are set to detect plutonium-239 and -240. These detectors are subjected to daily operational checks, monthly performance testing and calibration for airflow, and an annual radioactive source calibration to maintain sensitivity and reliability. Monitors alarm automatically if out-of-tolerance conditions are experienced.

At regular intervals, particulate material samples from a continuous sampling system are removed from each exhaust system and radiometrically analyzed for long-lived alpha and beta emitters. The concentration of long-lived alpha and beta emitters is indicative of effluent quality and overall performance of the High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration system. If the total long-lived alpha concentration for an effluent sample exceeds the RFP action value of  $0.020 \times 10^{-12}$  microcuries per milliliter, a follow-up investigation is conducted to determine the cause and to evaluate the need for corrective action. The action value is equal to the most restrictive offsite Derived Concentration Guide (DCG) for plutonium activity in air.

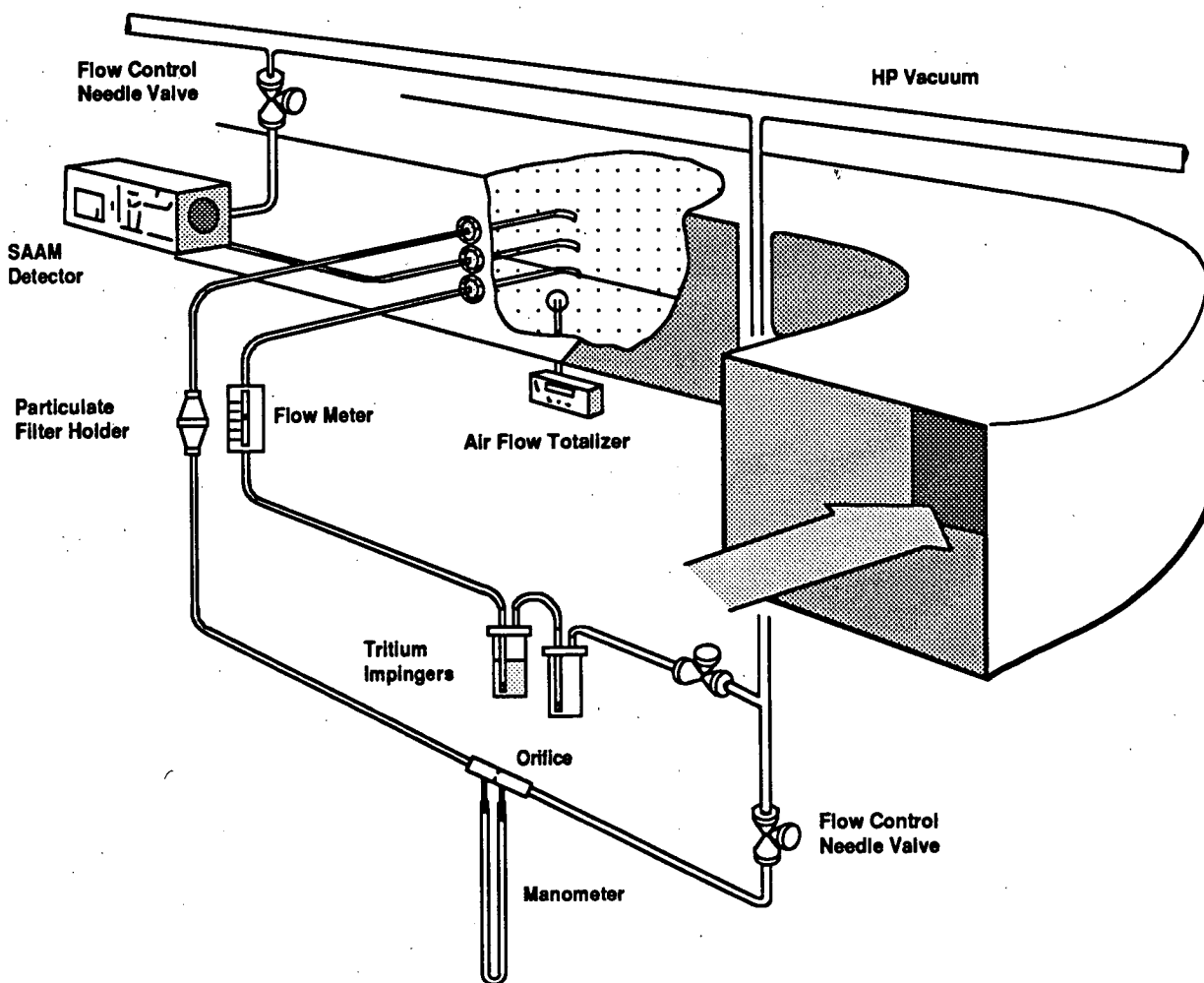
At the end of each month, individual samples from each exhaust system are composited by location. An aliquot of each dissolved composite sample is analyzed for beryllium particulate materials. The remainder of the dissolved sample is subjected to radiochemical separation and alpha spectral analysis that quantifies specific alpha-emitting radionuclides. Analyses for uranium isotopes are conducted for each composite sample.

Forty-one of the ventilation exhaust systems are located in buildings where plutonium processing is conducted. Particulate material samples from these exhaust systems are analyzed for specific isotopes of plutonium and americium. Typically, americium contributes only a small fraction of the total alpha activity release from RFP.

Processes ventilated from several exhaust systems potentially exhibit trace quantities of tritium contamination. Impinger-type samplers are used to collect samples three times each week from the monitored locations. Tritium concentrations in the sample are measured using a liquid scintillation photospectrometer.

The calibration methodology for the beryllium analyses was changed beginning with the September 1990 samples to improve quality assurance. The previous procedure used the single-point, "simple method of additions," one of the methods recommended by the manufacturer of the graphite furnace atomic absorption analytical equipment. The current method is based on EPA Contract Laboratory Program protocol. It uses multi-point calibration curves, periodic validation of the curve with EPA validation standards, and periodic blank and sample checks to assure absence of equipment contamination and matrix effects during the analysis.

Tables 1 through 3 show monitoring results for radioactive and nonradioactive airborne effluents continuously sampled from plant buildings.



**Figure 1: Radiological Effluent Air Sampling System**

**Table 1****Plutonium and Americium Airborne Effluent Data**

Month	Plutonium-239, -240 (3/15/93 - 4/16/93)		Americium-241 (3/15/93 - 4/16/93)	
	Release ( $\mu\text{Ci}$ )	C Maximum ( $\text{pCi}/\text{m}^3$ )	Release ( $\mu\text{Ci}$ )	C Maximum ( $\text{pCi}/\text{m}^3$ )
CY92	0.3841 $\pm$ 0.0552	0.0016 $\pm$ 0.0003	0.2457 $\pm$ 0.0493	0.0012 $\pm$ 0.0002
1993				
January	0.0325 $\pm$ 0.0043 <sup>a</sup>	0.0006 $\pm$ 0.0001	0.0060 $\pm$ 0.0028 <sup>a</sup>	0.0000 $\pm$ 0.0000
February	0.0194 $\pm$ 0.0035 <sup>a</sup>	0.0003 $\pm$ 0.0001	0.0070 $\pm$ 0.0029 <sup>a</sup>	0.0000 $\pm$ 0.0000
March	0.0065 $\pm$ 0.0023 <sup>b</sup>	0.0003 $\pm$ 0.0001	0.0057 $\pm$ 0.0027 <sup>c</sup>	0.0001 $\pm$ 0.0001
April	0.0006 $\pm$ 0.0015 <sup>d</sup>	0.0003 $\pm$ 0.0001	0.0054 $\pm$ 0.0025 <sup>e</sup>	0.0000 $\pm$ 0.0000
Year to Date	0.0590 $\pm$ 0.0115	0.0006 $\pm$ 0.0001	0.0242 $\pm$ 0.0110	0.0001 $\pm$ 0.0001

<sup>a</sup> The data for some locations were missing because of failure of Quality Assurance Criteria and were not available because no additional sample remained for analysis. Best estimates of release activities for these samples were included in the Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report.

<sup>b</sup> The data for four plutonium locations are missing due to failure of Quality Assurance Criteria. The samples are being rerun.

<sup>c</sup> The data for four americium locations are missing due to failure of Quality Assurance Criteria. The samples are being rerun.

<sup>d</sup> The data for ten plutonium locations are missing due to failure of Quality Assurance Criteria. The samples are being rerun.

<sup>e</sup> The data for twenty-nine americium locations are being reported one month in advance.

**Table 2****Uranium Airborne Effluent Data**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Uranium-233, -234</b> <b>(3/15/93 - 4/16/93)</b>				<b>Uranium-238</b> <b>(3/15/93 - 4/16/93)</b>			
	<b>Release</b> <b>(<math>\mu\text{Ci}</math>)</b>		<b>C Maximum</b> <b>(<math>\text{pCi}/\text{m}^3</math>)</b>		<b>Release</b> <b>(<math>\mu\text{Ci}</math>)</b>		<b>C Maximum</b> <b>(<math>\text{pCi}/\text{m}^3</math>)</b>	
<b>CY92</b>	0.3380 $\pm$	0.1078	0.0041 $\pm$	0.0006	0.5996 $\pm$	0.1160	0.0023 $\pm$	0.0005
<b>1993</b>								
January	0.0234 $\pm$	0.0076	0.0001 $\pm$	0.0000	0.0526 $\pm$	0.0089	0.0004 $\pm$	0.0001
February	0.0437 $\pm$	0.0097	0.0001 $\pm$	0.0000	0.0550 $\pm$	0.0093	0.0001 $\pm$	0.0001
March	0.0559 $\pm$	0.0109	0.0001 $\pm$	0.0000	0.0733 $\pm$	0.0110	0.0001 $\pm$	0.0001
April	-0.0135 $\pm$	0.0063 <sup>a</sup>	0.00010 $\pm$	0.0000	-0.0073 $\pm$	0.0063 <sup>a</sup>	0.0000 $\pm$	0.0000
Year to Date	0.1097 $\pm$	0.0344	0.0001 $\pm$	0.0000	0.1735 $\pm$	0.0354	0.0004 $\pm$	0.0001

<sup>a</sup> The data for nine uranium locations are missing due to failure of Quality Assurance Criteria. The samples are being rerun.

**Table 3****Tritium and Beryllium Airborne Effluent Data**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Tritium (H-3)</b> <b>(3/29/93-4/30/93)</b>		<b>Beryllium</b> <b>(3/15/93-4/16/93)</b>	
	<b>Release (mCi)</b>	<b>C Maximum (pCi/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Release (grams)</b>	<b>C Maximum (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>
<b>CY92</b>	3.7991	117 ± 11	0.6156 ± 0.0443	0.00066
<b>1993</b>				
January	0.1886	51 ± 7	0.0280 ± 0.0019	0.00038
February	0.8773	91 ± 7	0.0477 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.0038	0.00038
March	0.4421	32 ± 7 <sup>c</sup>	0.0504 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.0039	0.00043
April	0.1545	32 ± 7	b	
Year to Date	1.6625	91 ± 7	0.1260 ± 0.0096	0.00043

**NOTE:** Beryllium measured at the remaining 44 locations was below the screening level of 0.1 gram per month. Beryllium emissions from Rocky Flats Plant are regulated by the State of Colorado under Colorado Air Quality Control Regulation #8. The limit for beryllium air emissions is 10 grams per stationary source in a 24-hour period. No blank corrections are made to any beryllium data.

<sup>a</sup> Previously reported as incomplete laboratory analysis.

<sup>b</sup> Incomplete laboratory analysis.

<sup>c</sup> The data for five Tritium locations are missing due to failure of Quality Assurance Criteria. The samples are being rerun.

## 2.2 Ambient

Ambient air samplers monitor plutonium concentrations in air in the surrounding environment. This monitoring is performed in accordance with DOE Order 5400.1.

The data are used to determine the air-inhalation dose to the public for comparison with the DOE standard of 100 millirem per year effective dose equivalent from all modes of exposure from routine plant operations.

Samplers are designated in three categories by their proximity to the main facilities area. Twenty-three onsite samplers are located within RFP, generally downwind of RFP production facilities areas and near areas of known plutonium contamination. Fourteen perimeter samplers border RFP along major highways on the north (Highway 128), east (Indiana Street), south (Highway 72), and west (Highway 93) (Figure 2). Eleven community samplers are located in metropolitan areas adjacent to RFP (Figure 3).

Samplers operate continuously at a volumetric flow rate of approximately 0.84 cubic meters per minute, collecting air particulates on 20- by 25-centimeter fiberglass filters. Manufacturer's test specifications rate this filter media to be 99.97 percent efficient for relevant particle sizes under conditions typically encountered in routine ambient air sampling.

Ambient air filters are collected biweekly and composited monthly by location before isotopic analysis. All routine ambient air filters are analyzed for plutonium-239 and -240.

Tables 4 through 6 summarize environmental monitoring data from the RFP ambient air sampling network.



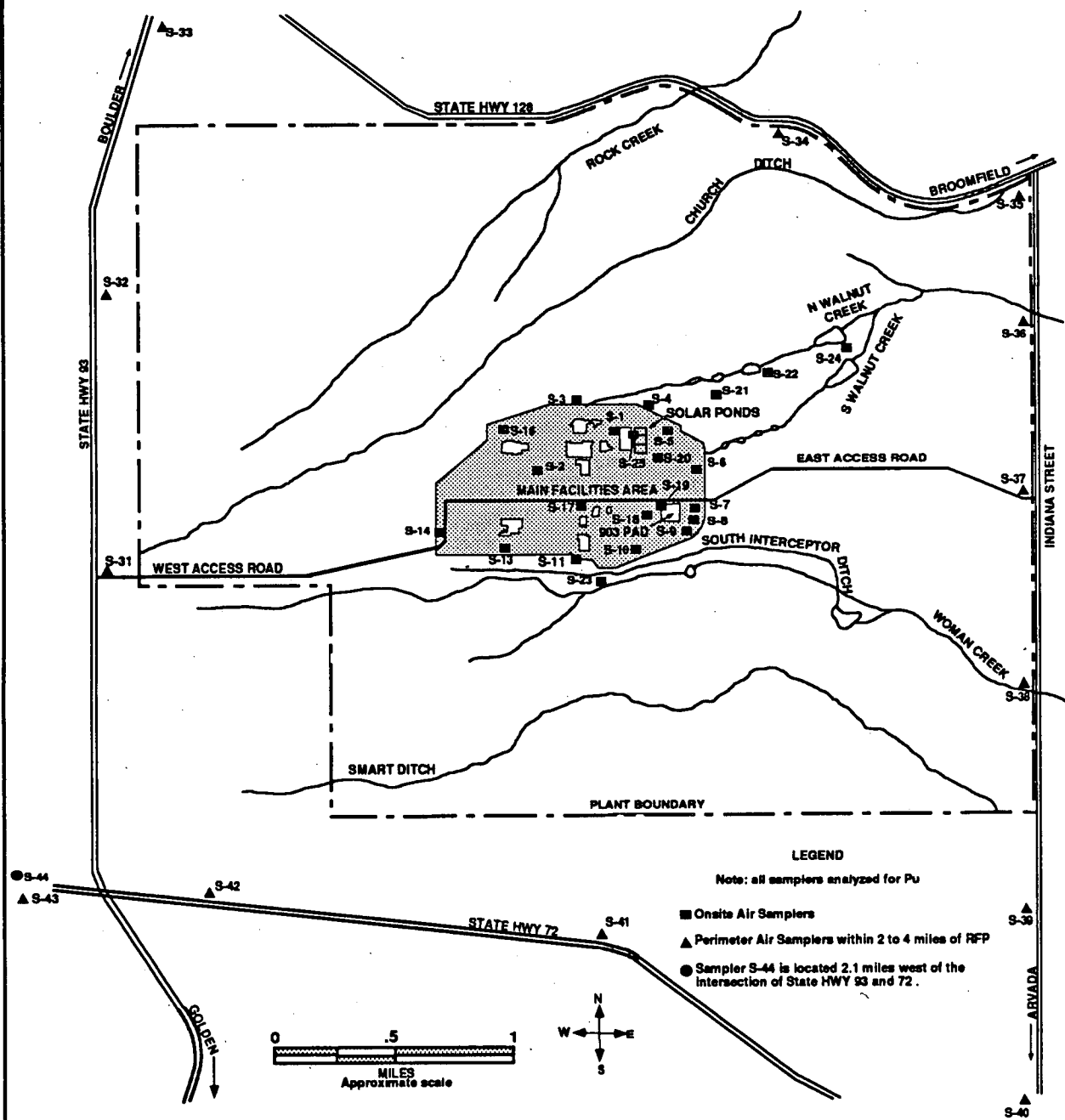


Figure 2: Location of Onsite and Perimeter Air Samplers



**Table 4****Plutonium Concentrations in Ambient Air for Onsite Samplers****(3/29/93-4/26/93)**

<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Volume (m<sup>3</sup>)</u></b>	<b><u>Plutonium Concentration (pCi/m<sup>3</sup>)</u></b>	<b><u>± 95 percent Confidence Interval (pCi/m<sup>3</sup>)</u></b>
S-01a			
S-02a			
S-03a			
S-04a			
S-05a			
S-06a			
S-07a			
S-08a			
S-09a			
S-10a			
S-12a			
S-13a			
S-14a			
S-16a			
S-17a			
S-18a			
S-19a			
S-20a			
S-21a			
S-22a			
S-23a			
S-24a			
S-25a			

<sup>a</sup> Computer failure prevented transfer of raw analytical data for data reduction.

**Table 5****Plutonium Concentrations in Ambient Air for Perimeter Samplers****(3/30/93-4/27/93)**

<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Volume</u> <u>(m<sup>3</sup>)</u></b>	<b><u>Plutonium</u> <u>Concentration</u> <u>(pCi/m<sup>3</sup>)</u></b>	<b><u>± 95 percent</u> <u>Confidence Interval</u> <u>(pCi/m<sup>3</sup>)</u></b>
S-31 <sup>a</sup>			
S-32 <sup>a</sup>			
S-33 <sup>a</sup>			
S-34 <sup>a</sup>			
S-35 <sup>a</sup>			
S-36 <sup>a</sup>			
S-37 <sup>a</sup>			
S-38 <sup>a</sup>			
S-39 <sup>a</sup>			
S-40 <sup>a</sup>			
S-41 <sup>a</sup>			
S-42 <sup>a</sup>			
S-43 <sup>a</sup>			
S-44 <sup>a</sup>			

<sup>a</sup> Computer failure prevented transfer of raw analytical data for data reduction.

**Table 6****Plutonium Concentrations in Ambient Air for Community Samplers****(3/31/93-4/28/93)**

<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Community Name</u></b>	<b><u>Volume (m<sup>3</sup>)</u></b>	<b><u>Plutonium Concentration (pCi/m<sup>3</sup>)</u></b>	<b><u>± 95 percent Confidence Interval (pCi/m<sup>3</sup>)</u></b>
S-51a	Marshall			
S-52a	Jeffco Airport			
S-53a	Superior			
S-54a	Boulder			
S-55a	Lafayette			
S-56a	Broomfield			
S-57a	Walnut Creek			
S-58a	Wagner			
S-59a	Leyden			
S-61a	Denver			
S-62a	Golden			
S-68a	Lakeview Pointe			
S-73a	Cotton Creek			

<sup>a</sup> Computer failure prevented transfer of raw analytical data for data reduction.

### **3. Water**

#### **3.1 Radionuclide**

RFP samples for and analyzes radionuclides that may be present in the plant surface water control ponds and drinking water reservoirs. Radionuclide standards for discharge of surface-water effluents are given in DOE Order 5400.5, "Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment." In addition, the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission (CWQCC) has issued stream segment standards for drainages downstream of RFP. These standards address both radioactive and nonradioactive parameters.

Water sampling is performed at several locations at RFP. These include ponds A-4, B-5, C-1, and C-2 as well as Walnut Creek at Indiana Street. Daily samples are collected during discharges or periods of flow for these locations, and composited into weekly samples. Analyses are then performed for plutonium, americium, and uranium isotopic concentrations.

Water sampling results for radioactive constituents are given in Tables 7 through 10.

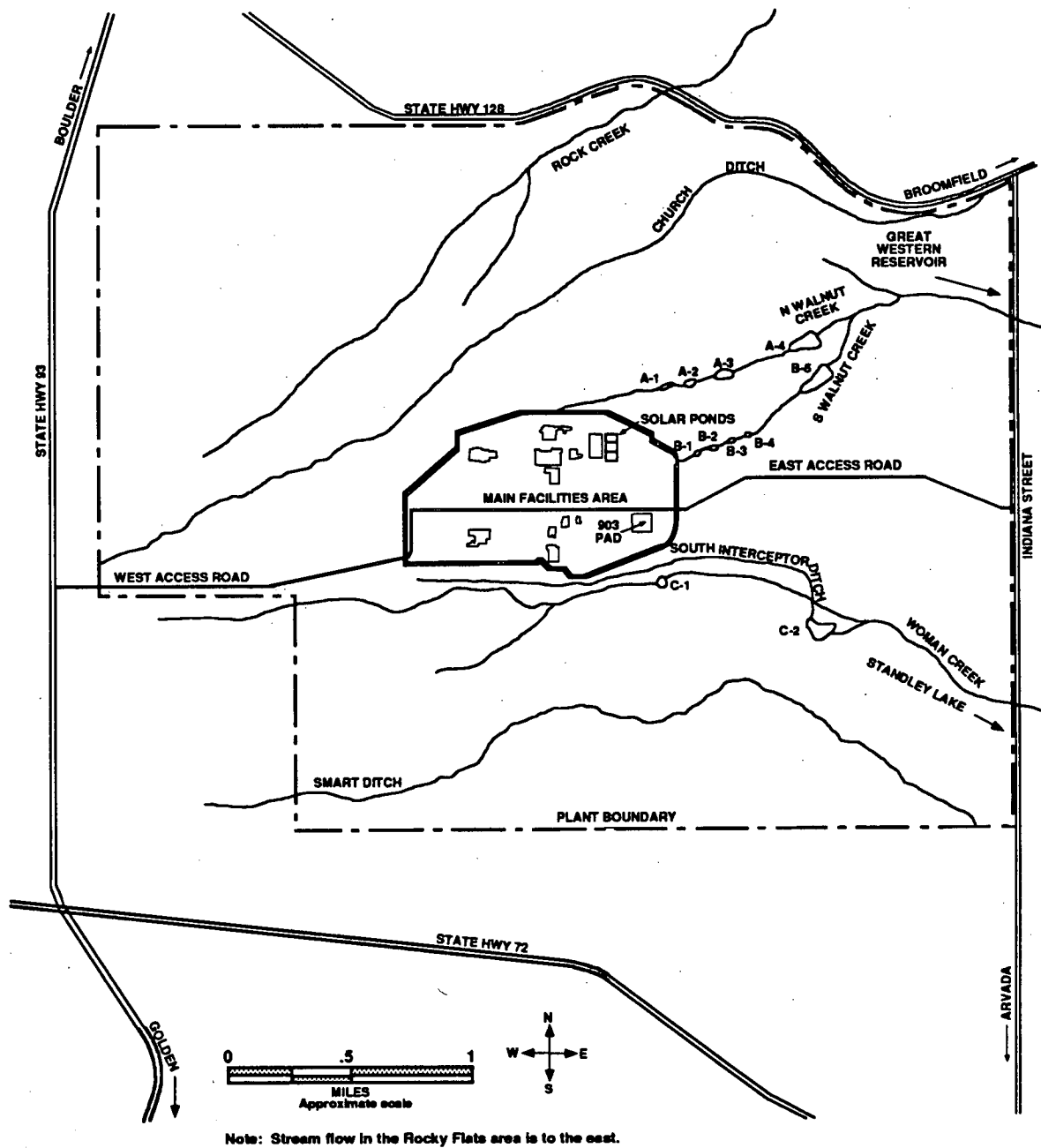


Figure 4: Holding Pond and Liquid Effluent Water Courses

**Table 7****Onsite Water Sample Results - Plutonium and Americium****Holding Pond Outfall (pCi/l)**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Plutonium-239, -240</u>			<u>Americium-241</u>		
<b><u>Pond A-4</u></b>						
04/03/93 - 04/09/93	0.000	±	0.001	0.002	±	0.002
04/10/93 - 04/16/93	0.008	±	0.003	0.007	±	0.003
04/17/93 - 04/23/93	0.003	±	0.002	a		
04/24/93 - 04/28/93	0.002	±	0.002	a		
Volume weighted average concentration	0.004	±	0.001	a		
<b><u>Pond B-5 - No discharge</u></b>						
<b><u>Pond C-1</u></b>						
04/03/93 - 04/09/93	0.016	±	0.005	-0.001	±	0.002
04/10/93 - 04/16/93	0.000	±	0.002	0.002	±	0.002
04/17/93 - 04/23/93	0.008	±	0.003	-0.001	±	0.001
04/24/93 - 04/30/93	0.006	±	0.002	a		
Average concentration	0.008	±	0.007	a		
<b><u>Pond C-2</u></b>						
04/21/93 - 04/23/93	0.012	±	0.006	a		
04/24/93 - 04/30/93	0.025	±	0.004	a		
Volume weighted average concentration	0.022	±	0.003	a		
<b><u>Walnut Creek at Indiana</u></b>						
04/03/93 - 04/09/93	0.000	±	0.002	0.002	±	0.003
04/10/93 - 04/16/93	0.001	±	0.001	0.003	±	0.002
04/17/93 - 04/23/93	0.004	±	0.002	0.002	±	0.002
04/24/93 - 04/29/93	0.004	±	0.002	a		
Volume weighted average concentration	0.002	±	0.001	a		

a Incomplete lab analysis.



**Table 8****Onsite Water Sample Results - Uranium****Holding Pond Outfall (pCi/l)**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Uranium-233, -234</u>			<u>Uranium-238</u>		
<u>Pond A-4</u>						
04/03/93 - 04/09/93		a			a	
04/10/93 - 04/16/93	0.77	±	0.11	0.84	±	0.11
04/17/93 - 04/23/93	0.65	±	0.09	0.85	±	0.09
04/24/93 - 04/28/93	0.75	±	0.11	0.67	±	0.09
Volume weighted average concentration		a			a	
<u>Pond B-5</u> - No discharge						
<u>Pond C-1</u>						
04/03/93 - 04/09/93		a			a	
04/10/93 - 04/16/93	0.51	±	0.09	0.37	±	0.07
04/17/93 - 04/23/93	0.63	±	0.10	0.44	±	0.08
04/24/93 - 04/30/93	0.61	±	0.09	0.43	±	0.07
Average concentration		a			a	
<u>Pond C-2</u>						
04/21/93 - 04/23/93	1.08	±	0.11	1.12	±	0.10
04/24/93 - 04/30/93	1.08	±	0.12	1.25	±	0.12
Volume weighted average concentration	1.08	±	0.09	1.22	±	0.09
<u>Walnut Creek at Indiana</u>						
04/03/93 - 04/09/93		a			a	
04/10/93 - 04/16/93	0.92	±	0.13	0.99	±	0.12
04/17/93 - 04/23/93	0.83	±	0.12	0.83	±	0.12
04/24/93 - 04/29/93	0.94	±	0.10	0.99	±	0.10
Volume weighted average concentration		a			a	

a Incomplete lab analysis.

**Table 9****Onsite Water Sample Results - Tritium**

Tritium (pCi/l)

<u>Location</u>	<u>Number of Samples</u>	<u>C Minimum</u>	<u>C Maximum</u>	<u>C Average</u>
Pond A-4 <sup>b</sup>	28	a	a	a
Pond C-1	4	a	a	a
Walnut at Indianab	29	a	a	a
Pond C-2 <sup>b</sup>	10	a	a	a

a Incomplete

b Volume weighted average concentration.

### **3.2 Nonradionuclide**

RFP conducts sitewide surface-water sampling programs to monitor discharges from detention ponds, evaluate potential contaminant releases, and characterize baseline water quality. Nonradioactive parameters requirements for this monitoring are derived from the RFP EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit as modified in March 1991, by a Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement (FFCA). The NPDES/FFCA permit sets limits for nonradioactive pollutants in effluent water from federal facilities.

The EPA has issued to the RFP an NPDES permit for control of surface water discharges. The RFP NPDES permit establishes effluent limitations for seven surface-water discharge points, which may discharge into drainages leading off of the RFP.

Water sampling results associated with the NPDES/FFCA permit are reported in Table 10. Applicable NPDES/FFCA limits are included in Table 10 for comparison. Monitoring results for which no limits have been established under the NPDES/FFCA are reported in Table 11. Analytical results for nonradioactive parameters in water at Walnut Creek at the Indiana Street location are summarized in Table 12.

**Table 10****NPDES/FFCA Permit Water Sample Results****Discharge 001-A (Pond B-3)** - Discharged continuously from 04/01/93-04/30/93.

<u>Parameters</u>		<u>Measured 30-Day Average</u>	<u>Limit 30-Day Average</u>	<u>Measured Max. 7-Day Average</u>	<u>Limit Max. 7-Day Average</u>
Nitrate	mg/l	0.6	10	0.7	20
Total Residual Chlorine	mg/l		<u>Measured Maximum</u> 0.18	<u>Limit Maximum</u> 0.5	

**Discharge 001-B (Sewage Treatment Plant)** - Discharged continuously from 04/01/93 - 04/30/93.

<u>Parameters</u>		<u>Measured 30-Day Average</u>	<u>Limit 30-Day Average</u>	<u>Measured Maximum</u>	<u>Limit Maximum</u>
CBOD5	mg/l	4.6	10	9.6	25
Total Phosphorus	mg/l	1.5	8	4.6	12
Total Chromium	mg/l	<0.005	0.05	<0.005	0.10
Fecal Coliforms	#/100 ml	<u>Measured 30-Day Average</u> 1 (Geometric)	<u>Limit 30-Day Average</u> 200 (Geometric)	<u>Measured Max. 7-Day Average</u> 2 (Geometric)	<u>Limit Max. 7-Day Average</u> 400 (Geometric)
Total Suspended Solids	mg/l	6	30	7	45
pH	SU	<u>Measured Minimum</u> 6.9	<u>Limit Minimum</u> 6.0	<u>Measured Maximum</u> 7.5	<u>Limit Maximum</u> 9.0
Oil and Grease		<u>Observed Sheen</u> No visual	<u>Limit Sheen</u> No visual		

**Discharge 002 (Pond A-3)** Pond discharged continuously 04/06/93-04/19/93.

<u>Parameters</u>		<u>Measured 30-Day Average</u>	<u>Limit 30-Day Average</u>	<u>Measured Maximum</u>	<u>Limit Maximum</u>
Nitrates as N	mg/l	1.6	10	1.8	20
pH	SU	<u>Measured Minimum</u> 7.0	<u>Limit Minimum</u> 6.0	<u>Measured Maximum</u> 8.3	<u>Limit Maximum</u> 9.0

**Table 10****NPDES/FFCA Permit Water Sample Results (Continued)**

**Discharge 003 (RO Pilot Plant) and Discharge 004 (RO Plant) are inactive outfalls and will be eliminated from the new NPDES permit.**

**Discharge 005 (Pond A-4)** Pond discharged continuously 04/01/93 - 04/28/93.

<u>Parameters</u>		<u>Measured Maximum</u>	<u>Limit Maximum</u>
Total Chromium	mg/l	<0.005	0.05

**Discharge 006 (Pond B-5)** - No discharge.

<u>Parameters</u>		<u>Measured 30-Day Average</u>	<u>Limit 30-Day Average</u>	<u>Measured Max. 7-Day Maximum</u>	<u>Limit Max. 7-Day Maximum</u>
Nitrate as N <sup>a</sup>	mg/l		10		20
Total Residual Chlorine <sup>a</sup>	mg/l				0.5
Total Chromium	mg/l				0.05

**Discharge 007 (Pond C-2)** Pond discharged continuously 04/21/93 - 04/30/93

<u>Parameters</u>		<u>Measured Maximum</u>	<u>Limit Maximum</u>
Total Chromium	mg/l	<0.005	0.05

<sup>a</sup> These parameters are measured only in the event that Waste Water Treatment Plant effluent bypasses Pond B-3 and flows directly into Pond B-5.

**Table 11**

**NPDES/FFCA Effluent Monitoring**

**Discharge 001-A (Pond B-3)** Pond discharged continuously 04/01/93 - 04/30/93.

<u>Parameters</u>		<u>Measured Maximum</u>	<u>Measured 30-Day Average</u>
BOD5	mg/l	9	6
CBOD5	mg/l	6	4
Total Suspended Solids	mg/l	7	5

**Discharge 001-B (Sewage Treatment Plant [STP])** Discharged continuously from 04/01/93 - 04/30/93.

<u>Parameters</u>		<u>Measured Maximum</u>	<u>Measured 30-Day Average</u>
Nitrate as N	mg/l	3.09	1.36
Total Residual Chlorine	mg/l	0.23	0.02

Whole Effluent Toxicity\*      Sampled quarterly; data reported March 1993  
 Ceriodaphnia      % Eff to LC50:  
 Fathead Minnows      % EFF to LC50:

		<u>Measured 30-Day Average</u>
Metals	ug/l	
Metals were sampled on 04/14/93 and 04/21/93		
Antimony		<24
Arsenic		4.1
Beryllium		<1.0
Cadmium		0.13
Copper		<3.1
Iron		87.4
Lead		<2.0
Manganese		25.5
Mercury		<0.2
Nickel		<13.0
Silver		<0.2
Zinc		36.1

		<u>PQL<sup>b</sup></u>	<u>Concentrations that were above PQL</u>
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	ug/l		
Chloroform		5 ug/l	6 ug/l      sampled 04/14/93

**Table 11**

**NPDES/FFCA Effluent Monitoring (Continued)**

**Discharge 003 (Reverse Osmosis Pilot Plant) and Discharge 004 (Reverse Osmosis Plant)**  
**are inactive outfalls and will be eliminated from the new NPDES permit.**

**Discharge 005 (Pond A-4)**

Whole Effluent Toxicity <sup>a</sup>	Sampled quarterly; data reported March 1993
Ceriodaphnia	% EFF to LC50:
Fathead Minnows	% EFF to LC50:

**Discharge 006 (Pond B-5)**

Whole Effluent Toxicity <sup>a</sup>	
Ceriodaphnia	% EFF to LC50:
Fathead Minnows	% EFF to LC50:

**Discharge 007 (Pond C-2)**

Whole Effluent Toxicity <sup>a</sup>	Sampled quarterly; data will be reported June 1993
Ceriodaphnia	% EFF to LC50:
Fathead Minnows	% EFF to LC50:

- a Results for whole effluent toxicity are given in percentage of effluent sample that will cause mortality to half the test result organisms within the time frame of the test. For example, >100 percent indicates that 100 percent pure effluent did not cause acute toxicity to at least half of the organisms. A lower percentage LC<sub>50</sub> (lethal concentration to 50 percent of test organisms) indicates a greater toxic effect since less of the sample is required to observe a sufficiently extensive adverse effect.
- b PQL is the Practical Quantitation Limit. It is equal to ten times the Method Detection Limit and represents the quantity at which 70 percent of laboratories can report in the 95 percent confidence interval.

**Table 12**

**Water Sample Results, Nonradioactive Parameters**

**Walnut Creek at Indiana Street**

<u>Parameters</u>		<u>Number of Samples</u>	<u>C Minimum</u>	<u>C Maximum</u>	<u>C Average</u>
pH	SU	29	7.00	8.70	N/A
Nitrites as N	mg/l	29	1.17	5.37	1.66



### **3.3 Flow**

Daily flow data for surface water from the two plant drainage systems (Walnut Creek and Woman Creek) are given in Tables 13 and 14. The current NPDES/FFCA permit requires flow measurement for terminal ponds when discharged offsite (A-4, B-5, and C-2). Other flow data are reported for informational purposes.

Daily flow data for water transferred from Pond B-5 to Pond A-4, for subsequent discharge offsite, are given in Table 15. Meteorological data are given in Tables 16 and 17.

**Table 13****Daily Flow Data Recorded at the Walnut Creek at Indiana Gaging Station, Ponds A-4 and B-5**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Walnut Creek at Indiana (Gallons)</u>	<u>Pond A-4 (Gallons)</u>	<u>Pond B-5 (Gallons)</u>
04/01/93	1,911,000	1,971,000	No Discharge
04/02/93	1,941,000	1,894,000	
04/03/93	1,640,000 <sup>a</sup>	1,278,000	
04/04/93	2,063,000	1,331,000	
04/05/93	1,469,000	1,352,000	
04/06/93	1,094,000 <sup>a</sup>	639,000	
04/07/93	809,000	615,000	
04/08/93	1,742,000	1,989,000	
04/09/93	2,416,000	2,709,000	
04/10/93	2,356,000	2,779,000	
04/11/93	1,749,000	2,059,000	
04/12/93	1,363,000 <sup>a</sup>	1,490,000	
04/13/93	2,470,000 <sup>a</sup>	1,904,000	
04/14/93	2,819,000 <sup>a</sup>	2,116,000	
04/15/93	1,961,000	2,364,000	
04/16/93	1,980,000	2,425,000	
04/17/93	2,020,000	2,369,000	
04/18/93	2,126,000	2,468,000	
04/19/93	1,971,000	2,205,000	
04/20/93	2,017,000	2,076,000	
04/21/93	1,537,000	1,534,000	
04/22/93	1,259,000	1,238,000	
04/23/93	1,165,000	1,229,000	
04/24/93	993,000 <sup>a</sup>	985,000	
04/25/93	998,000	1,011,000	
04/26/93	1,007,000	1,011,000	
04/27/93	699,000	617,000	
04/28/93	342,000	268,000	
04/29/93	23,000	No Discharge	
04/30/93	No Flow		No Discharge
Total	45,940,000	45,926,000	No Discharge

<sup>a</sup> Denotes precipitation events of greater than 0.10 inches of rain which may contribute to increased volume at Walnut Creek at Indiana.

**Table 14****Daily Flow Data Recorded at Ponds C-1 and C-2 (Woman Creek)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pond C-1 (Gallons)</u>	<u>Pond C-2 (Gallons)</u>
04/01/93	150,000	No Discharge
04/02/93	150,000	
04/03/93	150,000	
04/04/93	150,000	
04/05/93	150,000	
04/06/93	150,000	
04/07/93	150,000	
04/08/93	468,000	
04/09/93	518,000	
04/10/93	518,000	
04/11/93	518,000	
04/12/93	518,000	
04/13/93	518,000	
04/14/93	150,000	
04/15/93	150,000	
04/16/93	150,000	
04/17/93	150,000	
04/18/93	150,000	
04/19/93	150,000	
04/20/93	150,000	No Discharge
04/21/93	150,000	375,000
04/22/93	150,000	535,000
04/23/93	150,000	502,000
04/24/93	150,000	502,000
04/25/93	150,000	453,000
04/26/93	150,000	472,000
04/27/93	150,000	506,000
04/28/93	543,000	766,000
04/29/93	537,000	1,048,000
04/30/93	297,000	623,000
Total	7,585,000	5,782,000

**Table 15****Daily Transfer Flow Data Recorded for Pond B-5 to Pond A-4**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pond B-5 to Pond A-4 (Gallons)</u>
04/01/93	583,000
04/02/93	1,279,000
04/03/93	1,264,000
04/04/93	1,189,000
04/05/93	1,252,000
04/06/93	1,191,000
04/07/93	1,103,000
04/08/93	1,184,000
04/09/93	1,062,000
04/10/93	1,111,000
04/11/93	1,127,000
04/12/93	1,175,000
04/13/93	1,171,000
04/14/93	1,144,000
04/15/93	1,053,000
04/16/93	1,058,000
04/17/93	1,058,000
04/18/93	1,005,000
04/19/93	971,000
04/20/93	957,000
04/21/93	606,000
04/22/93	505,000
04/23/93	487,000
04/24/93	493,000
04/25/93	487,000
04/26/93	469,000
04/27/93	162,000
04/28/93	No Transfer
04/29/93	
04/30/93	No Transfer
Total	25,145,000

**Table 7 - Errata March 1993****Onsite Water Sample Results - Plutonium and Americium**

Holding Pond Outfall (pCi/l)					
<u>Location</u>	<u>Plutonium-239, -240</u>			<u>Americium-241</u>	
<b><u>Pond A-4</u></b>					
03/27/93 - 04/02/93	0.001	±	0.001	0.004	± 0.004 <sup>a</sup>
Volume weighted average concentration	0.001	±	0.001	0.004	± 0.004 <sup>a</sup>
<b><u>Pond B-5</u> - No discharge</b>					
<b><u>Pond C-1</u></b>					
02/27/93 - 03/05/93	-0.006	±	0.007	0.010	± 0.012
03/06/93 - 03/12/93	0.005	±	0.009	0.001	± 0.009
03/13/93 - 03/19/93	0.006	±	0.003	0.003	± 0.003 <sup>a</sup>
03/20/93 - 03/26/93	0.007	±	0.004	-0.006	± 0.001 <sup>a</sup>
03/27/93 - 04/02/93	0.003	±	0.003	0.000	± 0.002 <sup>a</sup>
Average concentration	0.003	±	0.005	0.002	± 0.006 <sup>a</sup>
<b><u>Pond C-2</u> - No discharge</b>					
<b><u>Walnut Creek at Indiana</u></b>					
03/27/93 - 04/02/93	0.024	±	0.005	0.013	± 0.003 <sup>a</sup>
Volume weighted average concentration	0.024	±	0.005	0.013	± 0.003 <sup>a</sup>

a Previously reported incomplete.

**Table 8 - Errata March 1993****Onsite Water Sample Results - Uranium**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Holding Pond Outfall (pCi/l)</u> <u>Uranium-233, -234</u>			<u>Uranium-238</u>
<b><u>Pond A-4</u></b>				
03/27/93 - 04/02/93	1.04	±	0.15	1.25 ± 0.16
Volume weighted average concentration	1.04	±	0.15	1.25 ± 0.16
<b><u>Pond B-5</u> - No discharge</b>				
<b><u>Pond C-1</u></b>				
02/27/93 - 03/05/93	1.10	±	0.16	0.75 ± 0.12
03/06/93 - 03/12/93	1.32	±	0.20	0.72 ± 0.13
03/13/93 - 03/19/93	0.83	±	0.13 <sup>a</sup>	0.62 <sup>a</sup> 0.10 <sup>a</sup>
03/20/93 - 03/26/93	1.15	±	0.15 <sup>a</sup>	0.81 <sup>a</sup> 0.11 <sup>a</sup>
03/27/93 - 04/02/93	1.06	±	0.15	0.69 ± 0.11
Average concentration	1.09	±	0.18 <sup>a</sup>	0.72 ± 0.07 <sup>a</sup>
<b><u>Pond C-2</u> - No discharge</b>				
<b><u>Walnut Creek at Indiana</u></b>				
03/28/93 - 04/02/93	1.00	±	0.19	0.95 ± 0.18
Volume weighted average concentration	1.00	±	0.19	0.95 ± 0.18

<sup>a</sup> Previously reported incomplete.



## 4. Meteorology and Climatology

Meteorological data are routinely collected on the plantsite from instrumentation installed on a 61-meter (200-foot) tower located in the west buffer zone at an elevation of 1,870 m (6,140 feet) above sea level. Meteorological data recovery was nearly 100 percent for April. The frequency of wind direction and speed during April is shown in Table 16. The compass points indicate the direction from which the wind blows. These frequencies are also graphically represented by a wind rose in Figure 5. The wind rose sectors also represent the direction from which the wind blows (i.e., wind along each sector blows toward the center).

Winds at RFP generally occur from the west through northwest, especially when speeds are greater than 4 m/s (9 mph). At lighter wind speeds less than 4 m/s (9 mph), the distribution of wind direction is more even. Wind speeds greater than 5 m/s (11 mph) from the E sector rarely occur. The distribution of winds during April indicates a relatively high frequency of strong, large scale winds from the west-northwest. Several storms and high pressure systems were largely responsible for the secondary maximum of north to north-northeast winds. As sunshine became stronger and more prevalent, thermally driven, southeasterly winds became more frequent during the month.

April recorded below-normal temperatures, precipitation, and snowfall. Precipitation was spread out: 4 days of precipitation totaled at least 0.18 inches (0.46 cm), including the monthly maximum of 0.53 inches (1.35 cm) on April 12. Wet snowfall of at least 1 inch (2.5 cm), fell on these 4 days, with more than 3 inches (7.6 cm) falling on April 3 and 12. The snowfalls helped keep April's temperatures below normal, especially during the first 2 weeks. The second half of April experienced drier and warmer conditions as the temperature exceeded 60 °F (15.6 °C) on 8 of the final 14 days. Perhaps the most noticeable event during the month was on the afternoon of April 18, when a Pacific cold front brought gusty winds to the Front Range. While the peak gust for that day at RFP was a relatively modest 57 mph (25 m/s), metropolitan Denver experienced somewhat higher winds that caused blowing dust and some damage to windows, roofs, and traffic signs.



The mean wind speed during April was 9.3 mph (4.2 m/s). The peak gust during the month occurred on April 19, reaching 67 mph (30 m/s). The mean temperature was 42.4 °F (5.8 °C), or about 3 °F (1.7 °C) below normal. The overnight low temperatures averaged about 4 °F (2.2 °C) below normal. Precipitation was slightly below normal during the month, with water-equivalent totalling 1.45 inches (3.7 cm). Annual precipitation through April 1993 was slightly below normal, totalling 3.64 inches (9.2 cm). Snowfall was near normal during April, totalling 9.1 inches (23 cm). Assuming no additional snowfall during May, this past winter's snowfall (1992-1993) was slightly below normal, totalling 62.5 inches (159 cm).

**Table 16****Rocky Flats Plant Wind Direction Frequency (Percent) by Four Wind-Speed Classes****(Fifteen-Minute Averages - April 1993)**

	<u>Calm</u>	<u>1-2.5</u> <u>(m/s)</u>	<u>2.5-4</u> <u>(m/s)</u>	<u>4-8</u> <u>(m/s)</u>	<u>&gt;8</u> <u>(m/s)</u>	<u>Total</u>
N	-	1.04	2.19	1.67	0.10	5.19
NNE	-	1.57	1.92	3.13	0.07	7.03
NE	-	1.50	1.50	2.02	0.03	5.26
ENE	-	1.43	1.43	1.15	0.00	4.04
E	-	1.98	2.16	0.66	0.00	5.26
ESE	-	1.92	1.98	0.49	0.00	4.74
SE	-	2.16	2.02	1.29	0.00	5.71
SSE	-	2.05	2.96	2.26	0.00	7.45
S	-	1.92	2.40	1.18	0.00	5.57
SSW	-	1.57	1.18	1.08	0.00	3.93
SW	-	2.26	2.58	1.39	0.14	6.48
WSW	-	1.57	1.32	2.37	0.87	6.30
W	-	1.50	0.94	3.38	2.72	8.81
WNW	-	1.60	1.18	3.10	2.51	8.60
NW	-	2.05	2.05	2.12	1.85	8.22
NNW	-	1.53	3.17	2.05	0.49	7.42
TOTAL	3.99	27.65	30.99	29.35	8.77	100

Table 17

## Climatic Summary

Date	TEMPERATURE (deg. F)			DEW- POINT (deg. F)	WIND SPEED (mph)		PRESS. (mb)	SOLAR (kW-h/m2)	WATER- EQUIV.- PRECIP. (inches)		SNOW (inches)
	High	Low	Mean	Mean	Mean	Peak gust (1 sec)	Mean	Total	Total	Peak (15 min)	Total
04/01	50.5	26.2	38.4	-999	5.8	16.8	810	7.17	00.0	0.00	
04/02	55.8	33.1	44.5	-999	7.2	37.8	804	3.64	0.01	0.01	
04/03	41.5	25.0	33.3	-999	8.1	27.3	811	5.79	0.38	0.03	3.2
04/04	56.5	25.9	41.2	-999	5.6	20.8	809	6.66	0.00	0.00	
04/05	55.8	32.7	44.3	-999	8.1	23.5	803	5.31	0.01	0.01	
04/06	40.1	27.1	33.6	-999	8.9	26.8	800	2.97	0.18	0.03	1.4
04/07	40.3	26.1	33.2	-999	6.7	27.1	807	6.12	0.00	0.00	
04/08	53.8	29.1	41.5	-999	11.2	30.2	810	8.93	0.00	0.00	
04/09	65.5	43.0	54.3	-999	12.5	41.8	806	8.01	0.00	0.00	
04/10	55.8	36.7	46.3	-999	18.8	62.4	806	8.54	0.00	0.00	
04/11	56.7	34.0	45.4	-999	7.2	19.7	806	7.61	0.00	0.00	
04/12	43.2	22.3	32.8	-999	9.4	28.4	806	4.28	0.53	0.04	3.5
04/13	42.4	25.7	34.1	-999	6.7	21.5	805	8.02	0.01	0.01	
04/14	42.8	24.3	33.6	-999	6.7	25.9	808	8.71	0.01	0.01	
04/15	43.2	25.0	34.1	-999	6.0	20.4	808	6.64	0.00	0.00	
04/16	50.7	30.6	40.7	-999	6.7	25.1	808	7.53	0.00	0.00	
04/17	60.8	34.9	47.9	-999	7.2	28.6	811	8.39	0.00	0.00	
04/18	64.2	34.2	49.2	-999	14.8	57.0	803	7.89	0.05	0.03	
04/19	45.1	25.7	35.4	-999	23.7	67.3	806	7.36	0.00	0.00	
04/20	41.9	22.5	32.2	-999	5.6	18.3	817	6.80	0.00	0.00	
04/21	61.0	27.1	44.1	-999	5.8	26.4	817	8.29	0.00	0.00	
04/22	67.6	50.2	58.9	-999	9.2	25.1	808	7.60	0.00	0.00	
04/23	62.8	36.5	49.7	-999	19.0	54.1	801	8.44	0.00	0.00	
04/24	41.5	23.7	32.6	-999	5.1	18.1	806	3.24	0.23	0.03	1.0
04/25	57.7	30.9	44.3	-999	7.8	22.6	815	8.55	0.00	0.00	
04/26	67.3	44.2	55.8	-999	6.5	28.2	812	6.27	0.00	0.00	
04/27	58.8	38.8	48.8	-999	8.5	23.7	812	5.35	0.03	0.02	
04/28	62.6	39.2	50.9	-999	8.5	30.0	814	8.10	0.00	0.00	
04/29	63.7	33.6	48.7	-999	6.7	26.2	813	7.32	0.00	0.00	
04/30	56.5	27.9	42.2	-999	15.4	55.9	808	6.80	0.01	0.01	

MONTHLY TEMPERATURES				WIND SPEED		PRESS.	SOLAR	PRECIPITATION		SNOW
Mean High	Mean Low	Mean	Dew- point	Mean (mph)	Monthly Max.	Monthly Avg.	Monthly Total	Total	Monthly Max.	Total
53.5	31.2	42.4	-999	9.3	67.3	808.3	206.33	1.45	0.04	9.1

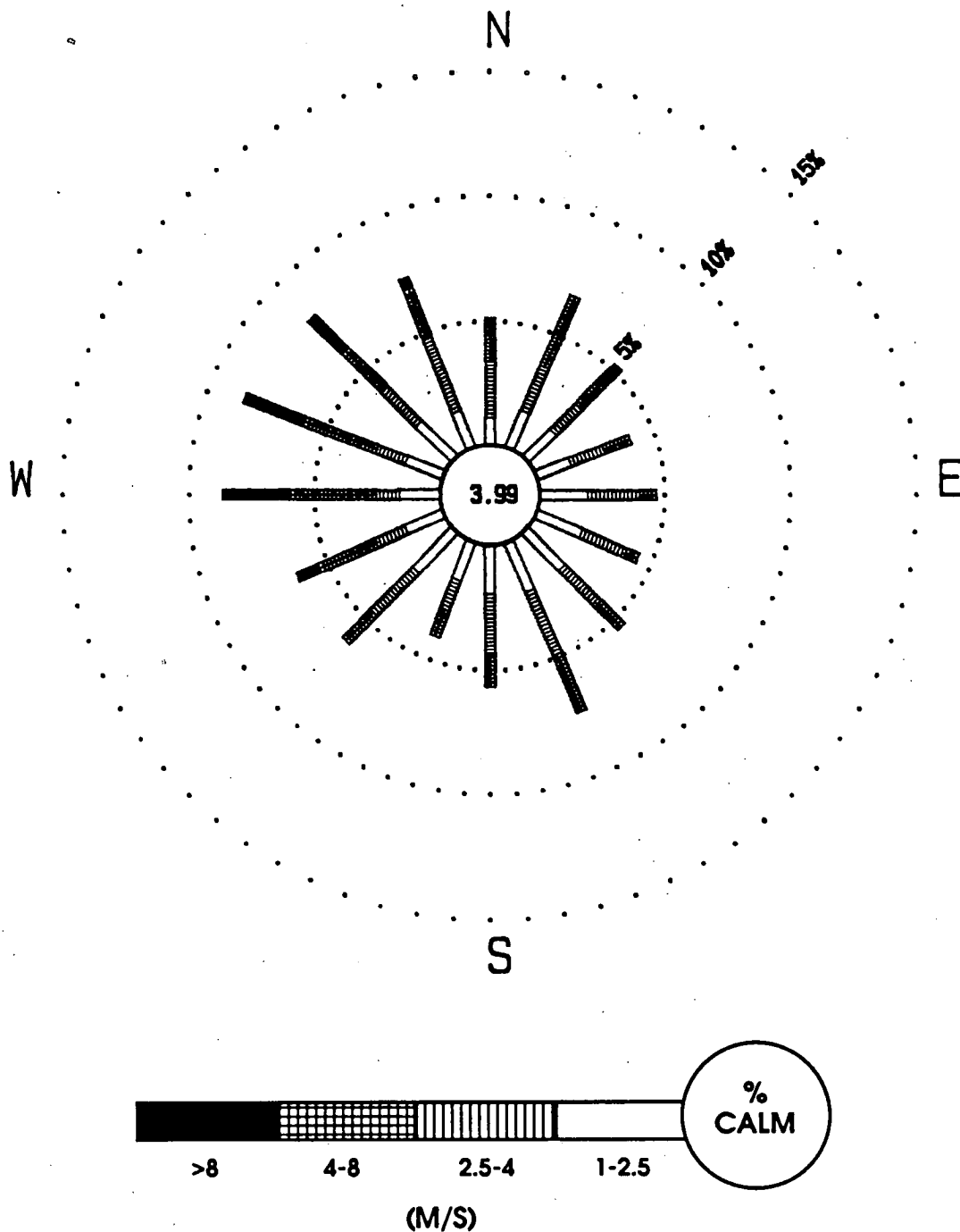


Figure 5: Wind Rose for the Rocky Flats Plant - April 1993



# Appendix A

## Radiation Standards for Protection of the Public

### Calculation of Potential Plant Contribution to Public Radiation Dose

The primary standards for protection of the public from radiation are based on radiation dose. Radiation dose is a means of quantifying the biological damage or risk of ionizing radiation. The unit of radiation dose is the rem or the millirem (1 rem = 1,000 mrem). Radiation protection standards for the public are annual standards, based on the projected radiation dose from a year's exposure to or intake of radioactive materials.

Radiation dose is a calculated value. It is calculated by multiplying radioactivity concentrations in air and water or on contaminated surfaces by assumed intake rates (for internal exposures) or by exposure times (for external exposure to penetrating radiation), then by the appropriate radiation dose conversion factors. That is:

$$\text{Radiation Dose} = \frac{\text{Radioactivity Concentration} \times \text{Intake Rate/Exposure Time} \times \text{Dose Conversion Factor}}{1}$$

Radioactivity concentrations can be determined either by measurements in the environment or by calculations using computer models. These computer models perform airborne dispersion/dose modeling of measured building radioactivity effluents and estimated diffuse source term emissions (e.g., from resuspension from contaminated soil areas).

Assumed intake rates and dose conversion factors used are based on recommendations of national and international radiation protection advisory organizations, such as the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) and the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP).

Radioactive materials of importance in calculating radiation dose to the public from Rocky Flats Plant (RFP) activities include plutonium, uranium, americium, and tritium. Alpha radiation emissions from plutonium, uranium, and americium are primary contributors to the projected radiation dose.

#### DOE Radiation Protection Standards for the Public

##### ICRP-Recommended Standards for all Pathways:

Temporary Increase - 500 mrem/year  
Effective Dose Equivalent  
(with prior approval of DOE EH-2)

Normal Operations - 100 mrem/year  
Effective Dose Equivalent

##### EPA Clean Air Act Standards for the Air Pathway Only:

10 mrem/year Effective Dose  
Equivalent

**DOE Derived  
Concentration Guides for  
Radionuclides of Interest  
at the Rocky Flats Plant**

**Air Inhalation:**

Radionuclide	>DCG (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )<
Plutonium-239, -240	0.02

**Water Ingestion:**

Radionuclide	DCG (pCi/l)
Plutonium-239, -240	30
Americium-241	30
Uranium-233, -234	500
Uranium-238	600
Hydrogen-3 (Tritium)	2,000,000

**DOE Derived Concentration  
Guides**

Potential public radiation dose commitments, which could have resulted from plant operations and from background (i.e., non-Plant) contributions, are calculated from average radionuclide concentrations measured at the Department of Energy (DOE) property boundary and in surrounding communities. Inhalation and water ingestion are the principal potential pathways of human exposure.

On February 8, 1990, DOE adopted DOE Order 5400.5, "Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment," a radiation protection standard for DOE environmental activities (US 90). This standard incorporates guidance from the ICRP, as well as from the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Air Act air emission standards (as implemented in 40 CFR 61, Subpart H). Included in DOE Order 5400.5 is a revision of the dose limits for members of the public. Tables of radiation dose conversion factors currently used for calculating dose from intakes of radioactive materials were issued in July 1988 (US88a, US88b). The dose factors are based on the ICRP Publications 30 and 48 methodology and biological models for radiation dosimetry. The DOE Order 5400.5 and the dose conversion factor tables are used for assessment of any potential RFP contribution to public radiation dose. On December 15, 1989, EPA published revised Clean Air Act (CAA) air emission standards for DOE facilities (US89). DOE radiation standards for protection of the public are given in this Appendix and include the December 15, 1989, EPA CAA air pathway standards.

Secondary radioactivity concentration guides can be calculated from the primary radiation dose standards and used as comparison values for measured radioactivity concentrations. DOE provides tables of these "Derived Concentration Guides" - in Order 5400.5. Derived Concentration Guides (DCGs) are the concentrations that would result in an effective dose equivalent of 100 mrem from one year's chronic exposure or intake. In calculating air inhalation DCGs, DOE assumes that the exposed individual inhales 8,400 cubic meters of air at the calculated DCG during the year. Ingestion DCGs assume a water intake of 730 liters at the calculated DCG for the year. The table on page 40 lists the most restrictive air and water DCGs for the principal radionuclides of interest at the RFP.

**Compliance with EPA Clean  
Air Act Standards**

To determine compliance with the EPA air emissions standards, measured airborne effluent radioactivity emissions are entered into the EPA-approved atmospheric dispersion/dose calculation computer model, AIRDOS-PC, for calculation of the maximum radiation dose that an individual in the public could receive from the air pathway only.

For comparison with the annual radiation dose standards for protection of the public, the maximum annual effective dose equivalent that a member of the public could receive as a result of RFP activities is typically less than 1 mrem, or less than 1 percent of the recommended annual standard for all pathways.

**Dose Equivalent and Effective Dose Equivalent (EDE)**

Dose equivalent is a calculated value used to quantify radiation dose; it reflects the degree of biological effect from ionizing radiation. Differences in the biological effect of different types of ionizing radiation (e.g., alpha, beta, gamma, or x-rays) are accounted for in the calculation of dose equivalent.

EDE is a calculated value used to allow comparisons of total health risk (based primarily on the risk of cancer mortality) from exposures of different types of ionizing radiation to different body organs. It is calculated by first calculating the dose equivalent to those organs receiving significant exposures, multiplying each organ dose equivalent by a health risk weighting factor, and then summing those products. One millirem EDE from natural background radiation would have the same health risk as one millirem EDE from an artificially produced source of radiation.



## References

**US88a** DOE/EH-0070, "External Dose-Rate Conversion Factors for Calculation of Dose to the Public," United States Department of Energy, Asst. Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, July 1988.

**US88b** DOE/EH-0071, "Internal Dose Conversion Factors for Calculation of Dose to the Public," United States Department of Energy, Asst. Secretary of Environment, Safety and Health, July 1988.

**US89** United States Environmental Protection Agency, Code of Federal Regulations 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, "National Emission Standards for Emissions of Radionuclides other than Radon from Department of Energy Facilities," Washington, D.C., December 15, 1989.

**US90** United States Department of Energy, DOE Order 5400.5, "Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment," Washington, D.C., February 8, 1990.

## **Appendix B**

### **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement Volatile Organic Compounds**

The following is a list of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) for which monitoring is required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement (NPDES/FFCA).

<u>Compound</u>	<u>PQL (ug/l)</u>	<u>Compound</u>	<u>PQL (ug/l)</u>
Benzene	5	1,3-dichloropropylene	5
Bromoform	5	Ethylbenzene	5
Methyl bromide	10	Methyl chloride	10
Carbon Tetrachloride	5	Methylene chloride	5
Chlorobenzene	5	1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane	5
Chlorodibromomethane	5	Tetrachloroethylene	5
Chloroethane	10	Toluene	5
Chloroform	5	1,2-trans-dichloroethylene	5
Dichlorobromomethane	5	1,1,1-trichloroethane	5
1,1-dichloroethane	5	1,1,2-trichloroethane	5
1,2-dichloroethane	5	Trichloroethylene	5
1,1-dichloroethylene	5	Vinyl chloride	10
1,2-dichloropropane	5		



## **Appendix C**

### **Colorado Water Quality Control Commission Standards**

The Colorado Water Quality Control Commission has promulgated new standards for the Walnut Creek and Woman Creek drainages downstream from the RFP. The EPA has not yet written a new NPDES permit that reflects these standards; however, in the spirit of the Agreement in Principle (A/P) completed between the DOE and the State of Colorado, the RFP is attempting to meet the standards at this time.



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